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1. At a meeting attended by ranking officials of the Soviet sector police in Berlin on 5 May 1949, President Paul Markgraf stated the following:
 - a. On the basis of a talk with Col. Zhukov of the Soviet Central Komendatura that morning, Markgraf is empowered to state that no immediate change is contemplated in the disposition of uniformed constabulary (SCHUPO) and paramilitary units (Bereitschaften). Specifically, the projected detachment of Saxon effectives from the Berlin Bereitschaften to assume control of the Berlin perimeter still stands.*
 - b. Commenting on instances of the unauthorized removal of street blocks between the Soviet and the western sectors, Markgraf stated: Lifting the blockade and counter blockade only affects the exchange of goods between the western and eastern zones by restoring the rail link. On the other hand, the local Berlin control system between the sectors and the zone had been imposed to counteract the unilateral introduction of the West Mark. Consequently no grounds exist for lifting these local restrictions until the currency issue is settled by the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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